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tory of Richmond.

THE COUNCIL CLOSES THE CON-TRACT TO TAKE WATER FOR THE CITY.

The Contract Signed and Arrangements Being Perfected.

SOUTHERNANDEAST ERN CAPITAL TO THE RESCUE.

The Gas Works Consolidate With the Water Works and will be Enlarged.

RICHMOND'S PUTURE FIXED UPON A FIRM FOUN-DATION.

mond's future growth and pros To Jurnish water to citizens for domes perity was laid on yesterday, when tic and manufacturing, and other purposes, the proposition of the Water Works Company to furnish the Each additional spigot ... city with water. The decision of Bath tubs (cold)the Water Works Company to Water colsets. build or not to build depended up Urinal. on the action of the Council. Our Barber Shops... Soda Fountain, City Fathers recognized the fact Restaurants or Saloons ... that the welfare of their constituents was in their hands, and said,

night to consider four propositions Mayor Collins occupied the Chair, No sprinkling after dark or on other and Councilmen Brooks, Rice, Smith and Caperton were in their Fountains, In inch nozzle 4 hours per der the terms of the Boston conplaces. City Clerk Greenleaf read day, \$12 per annum. first the proposition of the Richmond Water Works Company, and \$50 per annum the first proposition appeared the per day, \$5 per annum best. But all were of great length, lime or cement, to cents. and their numerous provisions were confusing. It was clear that the Council was in favor of water. But Councilman Smith suggested the prices shall be within the discretion of that, as he had been absent for the Water Co. several months, and in consequence not familiar with the /several propositions. Council- cach additional hydrant shall be \$10.

o'clock the following day. to business. Representatives of To repair all damages to streets &c, to der its own offer. New York conthe several water works companies change grade of pipes &c. were present. The Council an- To begin work within 90 days. nounced that the proposition of To furnish a satisfactory bond in the the Richmond Water Works Com- sum of \$10,000 as a guarantee of faithful execution of work, and specified them. The represen- be agreed upon or fixed by arbitrators. tative consented, and the amended proposition was thereupon ac

The water proposition was followed by a gas proposition, and they were accepted together.

The stock of the Richmond Water-Works Co, that of the a syndicate of Southern and Eastern capitalists, and the syndicate

and gas lights. With the decision of the Council therefor, the three properties passed into the hands of the syndicate, and Richmond was launch- our midst. ed on the high seas of prosperity.

GAS PROPRIETION.

The Gas Company agrees to erect a gas works of sufficient size to manufacture and distribute 75,000 cubic feet of gas per day with a holder capacity of not less than 25,000 cubic feet to begin with. Gas to be made of coal, oil, or both, or of any material hereafter proved an improvement on machine out of the ruts. existing methods.

erstem to not less than five miles of mains. rning five feet of gas per hour, and to

To turnish gas of not less than 16-candle ed by dark and extinguished at daylight. filth To furnish photometer, &c., to enable he city to detect failure, to supply gas as

To extend mains as the growth of the ity requires; the city to rent one post

for each 250 feet of main at an unqual ental of \$15 for all additions. To supply gas for citizens at not exceed g \$2,50 per 1,000 feet; and city offices

To allow the city to purchase the gas works at the end of ten years, or the end of any five years thereafter; the price to when the Almighty uttered that he fixed by arbitrators, if not otherwise

To revise the price for street lamps ev ry five years so as to accord with prices aid in towns of similar size and service. Contract for ten years only.

WATER CONTRACT. The Water Company Agrees: To erect a system of water-works for he purpose of supplying the citizens of eminently essential in the begin-Richmond with water for fire, domestic, nechanical and other purposes. To lay at least six miles of pipe ity limits, equal to a pressue of 300 pouds per square inch and to be 12 to 4 inche in

and to supply them constantly with water. To furnish an adequate supply of as

To erect brick or stone pumping station not les than 2,500,000 gallons fo water per day. Boilers of go-horse power and all

o throw water through 50 feet of hose 75 feet high on Main street in front of the zens. The other two contracts

Hotels, special rates, or by meter at 25 several other material objections

Public Bath houses, same as laundries The Council assembled Tuesday Sprinkling hosel 16 inch nozzle & 50 feet from as many different companies, of hose \$12 per annum, or \$2 per month. to be used only two hours per day.

then the others. To all present, Steam boilers per horse-power, 12 hours

Wetting brick 10 cents per 1,000.

The city to be supplied with water for and on an average there was very

portunity to examine closely the city renting one hydrant at \$50 provided man Caperton also said he would To furnish water without charge at al one tracts in preference to its own, as

Council then adjourned to 11 drinking in front of court it regarded either of them as far About the time the baking was done At the appointed hour, the City ering troughs-one in each ward; to flush much cheaper system, but the Fathers met in their chamber at the sewers once a week. In considera-City Hall, and proceeded at once tion of the above, the company shall be

pany had their preference, but The city, after ten years, to have privithey desired certain amendments, lege of buying water-works at a price to The city to pay \$3,000 per year, quarerly payments, for the 60 hydrants.

WHAT IT MEANS.

Water Works in Richmond mean more than anything she has ever tract was awarded are substantial

It means an abundant supply of spend at least \$120,000 in making Richmond Gas-Light Co., and also water for residences, for grounds, these great public improvements. that of the Richmond Electric for business houses, shops, mills, With the new railroad, gas Light Co. had been purchased by factories and all similar institu- works, and water works, and street railway, Richmond is assured of

It means protection against fire rapid growth in wealth and popuand enlarge and improve the gas- and reduction of insurance rates. lation, and has a bright future asworks, provided the city would It means the destruction of dust sured to her by the action of yesaccept a proposition to use water and the quenching of the thirst of terday's Council. Of course there are some who from one reason or persons and animals.

> It means a powerful inducement another are opposed to every to capital to come and invest in progress, and this is not an ex-

It means a pressing invitation Hereunder we give the contracts to people to come and live among mitted these contracts to a vote

> It means the building up of our authorizing it. Under the law schools and colleges.

> It means an increase in every Mayor and Council, and they diskind of business. It means the lifting of the old vantage to the city, under a way

To increase the size of its main pipes on It means the ability to accom-

streets, and extend present plish more in every direction than the tax one cent, and save to the and granted with delight. The 'coon is possible without water-works.

It means vastly better sanitary year, which has heretofore been arrangements, and consequently paid as a tribute to foreign corpopower, during the dark hours-to be light- the destruction and removal of rations

It means under ground sewerage, instead of surface drainage. It means cleanliness, which is lum, Quebec, Tuesday night,

next to godliness. It means everything for better and nothing for worse.

Water is a venerable institu- breakfast before he is hung. tion. It was created in the beginning, so say the scriptures, and first and august command, "Let The city to pay the Company \$3,000 per there be light," and it was answered by the first ray that ever shone upon the world, there was water. Yet Richmond, after a century, has just now bestirred herself to secure that element drink it. which the Allwise deemed pre-

There were three different bids before the Council, as to water-To establish not less than 60 fire hydrants, works, one by a New York City firm, one by a Boston firm, and ood wholesome, pure water as can be ob one by Woodbury & Moulton, of Portland Maine, and A. E. Boardimping engines, machinery, &c., to pump man, of Macon, Ga., through the Richmond Water Works Company. nachinery of good make and standard The Council carefully considered each of these bids, and the one adiyo feet high, to contain at least 100,000 adopted by the Council was by far allons of water, and of sufficient altinde the best for the city and its citi-

Court House, without engine pressure, run for twenty-five years, while ont out of the woods on the Conkling or 90 feet with engine pressure, and also the one adopted runs for only 21 years. The New York City con- West Canada. The house is one of the tract did not agree to furnish few good frame bouses located off the the City Council decided to accept at reasonable rates, not to exceed the fol- water to the city or its citizens the outside doors instead of Iron latches, during a dry period or drouth, and 300 would only have to build a 6.00 cheap system, which would be of it that he did not notice how late in belly all but dragged on the table, he 4.00 little benefit to Richmond as zt.oo we can now do without water in

the main to his premises, while

The gas contract adopted is less

expensive than the present con

The parties to whom the con-

business men, aand propose to

charged it to the best possible ad-

tract, and fair to the city.

its own expense.

very wet weather. There were log to rest. to this bid. The Boston Company did not agree to furnish water un- eye he noticed after a little that one of Meantime Ossian was training it as less it could be obtained within 3 miles of Richmond, while the contract adopted agrees to go to the Kentucky River if necessary. Un- made its way down the trunk until it way that was interesting. It learned to

tract it would be virtually imposprivilege of washing carriages &c. \$30 to sible for the city to ever purchase the tree and balted it with the remains feet, open wide its mouth, and squeal in and control the works, and under the New York contract if the works were not purchased at the case. In the morning there were three havior about the pantry, and the morning end of 25 years it stood renewed | very funny-looking, half-grown 'coons | care had to be observed to keep it out of the property of the prope for 25 years more. One contract tug of it, but no end of fun getting the Its latest exploit has set the whole stated a minimun rate and the one old hand-sled.

that when the number shall reach 100, pany offered to build the works gravy and the boiled coon into a big

better to it, and requiring a very repairing fences along the edge of the Council wisely decided not to do around him continually. Ossian was side it lay the whisky bottle uncorked, delight, and said: tract also required the consumer

to pay for the connection from Ossian's mother thinks him a very fine the contract adopted does this at long since.

The Council would have subof the city if there had been any law

was kept in the barn) without fasten- the water and little exertion, borde ing the door of the box. Going to the closely on the abserd. which should satisfy every citizen.

The contracts do not increuse

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The coon was carried to the barn at The greatest horror for many a day was the burning of a hundred human beings in the insane asy-Members of Madison Club have friends were expected next day. Mrs. made up \$5 for their old janitor, Charley Blythe, to buy a swell table to cool, and after a little, wher

the list for U. S. Senator to suc-

Rev. O. D. Henderson, of Station

well and continues to preach. Water will be so common in Richmond

before long that it wont be fashionable to

OSSIAN'S PET 'COON. It Is Fond of Good Things to Eat

and Drink-On a Spree.

ley owns a pet coon, and is constantly saying that nobody ever had so much fun as he has had since the day in June last when the 'coon was captured. Mrs. Lindley, Os-

equally positive that no woman ever had so much trouble with a four-footed pet or a two-footed pet, for that matter, a member of the Lindley family. The Lindleys live on what is known as the Green Clearing, a farm that was brook many years ago, about a mile West Canada, and it has doorknobs on Ossian is a boy of fourteen. One day | had there! The crisp, sweetcrust on the

brook. Following the trunk with his to laugh.

north woods, and it was effectual in this | learned the worse it became in its be

When his father came in to breakfast occasions takes a bit of strong liquor adopted stated a maximum rate, (for the trap was visited at daylight) and the particular favorite which he told Ossian that two of the coons pleases him most is good whisky. He would just serve to make a good pie for sprinkling streets at 15 cents per 1,000 little difference, if any, between dinner, while the third could be saved time, and takes three or four drinks a situation, that the Council adjourn To extend water mains on a guarantee the rates as to private consumptwo of them were killed, and Mrs. Lind- after a hard day's work in the rain until next day to give him an op of \$50 revenue for every 500 feet and the tion. The Water Works Com- ley boiled them and made a thick Mr. Lindley concluded that adrop, with gravy with cream, and poured the hot water, sugar, and nutmeg, just be ilkpan that had been lined with bisall and baked it in the oven until it and to sleep.

woods where the breeze blew the smells baked pie he stood on one foot and drew spread over the table and run down of

In order to tame the 'coon that was to be a pot Ossian put it in a big drygoods box, brought from Odit's store, and there he fed it with potato and bread with some wild strawberry pre-serves on it. While he looked at the and human actions of the drunken

astonished the boy very much to see the it pay to warm water for cows in winter? 'coon eat the preserves first and then | Answer: Nobody knows any thing about the bread. That gave him the idea that it, but the general opinion was that it it liked sweet things, and so he got a saucer of molasses for it. It swallowed that much faster than it had ever done give an opinion on a matter that they the duty, is devolved upon the anything before.

In his hurry to get another saucerful upon which they might become in-for it, Ossian went to the house (the 'coon formed simply with a little fire and lit-

city in insurance about \$5,000 per more molasses, and with success. not fastened in the pon that day, but was simply carried cut to the barn and loft there. Thereupon Mrs. Lindley's

day, and Mrs. Lindley was making doughnuts and ples for Sunday. That is the regular thing for Herkimer County wives to do, but Mrs. Lindley was making an unusual spread, because Lindley, as fast as her doughnuts were fried, spread them on the dining-room was hot work frying doughnuts and bak-Congressman McCreary is on ing ples in such weather, as every good housewife knows, and nobody could blame Mrs. Lindley for going into the ceed Mr. Beck, and his chances are parlor when it was all done to look over the Boonville Herald that had arrived the night before, and had in it all the

news from the country side. While she sat there in the big rock Camp, was here on Wednesday. He looks ing chair fanning herseif she heard through the open window the hollow thud of a pie that had been knocked out of the window and had landed bottom side up on the veranda floor Very much astonished she ran out to see what had happened. There was the young procyon loter helping himself to ple with great satisfaction. She said "scat," and the "coon fied. Only one pie had been destroyed, and after cleaning up "the mess the nasty thing made of it," Mrs. Lindley went back to her

Then the 'coon came back to its pas try. This time he climbed in the window, nibbled at the other pies there, and then seeing the dough-nuts thought them more attractive, and straightway jumped on the table. Such a time as he



last June he was fishing down the doughnuts was precisely to his taste, Conkling brook and got so interested in and when he had eaten so much that his the afternoon it was until the sun had squatted down in the midst of his feast gone down. Then he started home in a and licked the dainty cakes nearest hurry and got so tired running in about him. In this condition Ossian found en minutes that he had to sit down on a him. He looked so very comical that the boy sat down on the nearest chair While sitting there his eye fell on an and laughed till the tears came, and even inusually large elm standing on a low Mrs. Lindley, vexed as she was to see the bit of ground on the further side of the ruin wrought with her good things, had

the largest branches was dead, and, dogs are trained. It was taught to sit moreover, had a big hole in it. He was upon its haunches and fold its paws just thinking that that hole would be a | when told that it was time to pray. It ino place for a squirrel's nest when would on the word arch up its back like something much larger than a squirrel an angry cat, and at the same time appeared at the hole, crawled out and spread the fur on its ringed tail in a happened to see the boy. Then it scam- snarl when told that dogs were coming, Ossian went home, and the next af- it would, when told to laugh, lie down ternoon set a big box trap at the foot of on its back, paw the air with all four

trap home, for he had to drag it on an | country side talking. Although by no means a drinking man, Mr. Lindley or the spot, and so Mrs. Lindley mixed It

As the first rays of sunshine came into the family bedroom on Sunday Ossian came in from a half day's work | morning Mrs. Lindley awoke hearing | some noise in the kitchen. Going softly to the kitchen door she peeped in. hungry, and when he smelled that while a great puddle of the liquor had the other up to his knee in an eestacy of the floor. The 'coon paddled about in the liquor, stopped now and then to lap it, stood still, opened and shut his mouth hilariously, jumped up and boy, and so he is. If he wasn't the looked at the puddle on the floor jumped down and drank of that, arched odds and ends of meat and fish and ing and tumbled over on the floor frogs and lettuce and bread. The little | There it lay on its back and kicked and beast ate every thing greedily. One squealed. The coon had uncorked the day the boy had in his hand a piece of whisky and was drunk. Words fail to

> was human in recovering. It eventually got sleepy drunk and was laid out in the barn by Ossian, where it remained until Monday morning. At breakfast time it was scratching at the kitchen door and Ossian let it in. It was a picture of woo. Ossian offered it a plate of ootato and gravy, but it turned away in isgust. Mr. Lindley laughed very cartily at that and called for the whinly bottle that had an ounce or two left in it. A teaspoonful was taken by the 'coon with a look of gratitude in its eyes that was touching. Then a saucer of coffee and milk without sugar was accepted, after which a bit of toast was eaten daintily, and then the 'coon was ready for another sleep. It was two days in recovering from the spree.-N.

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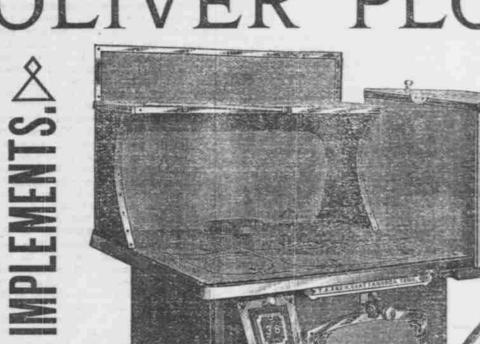
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